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South Fulton Addresses Concerns Regarding Groundbreaking Ceremony for Park Renovation

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – May 6, 2022) – The City of South Fulton today issued the following statement regarding concerns surrounding a groundbreaking ceremony for proposed renovations at Old National Park.

The City of South Fulton is excited about the development planned next to our Old National Park. We look forward to working with Butler and Butler Investments to create an experience not available anywhere else on the south side. We are grateful for the company's \$12 million investment that will make the park the crown jewel of our parks system.

However, council members have seen only a general overview of the project and no plans for the park renovation have been approved or presented for review. No discussion has been held regarding permitting or other property requirements. In addition, our charter requires the council to formally accept any gift presented to the city. This also has not taken place.

In addition, the groundbreaking ceremony was planned with no contact with or input from the city. No attempts were made to coordinate calendars or schedules.

Therefore, we feel it is premature and not in the city's best interest to launch a project that has yet to be approved. We are preparing to place the proposed park renovation on an upcoming agenda for the council to consider. We look forward to meeting with representatives from Butler and Butler to see first-hand the great things planned for our park and joining them to bring this game-changing development to life.

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